

Docket No.: KCC-15,568

#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Michael John NIEMEYER

Lawrence Howell SAWYER

Serial No.: 09/698,301

Filing Date: 27 October 2000

Title: SWIMWEAR WITH BUILT-IN DRAINING MECHANISM

#### REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT

**Application Processing Division Customer Correction Branch Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the official Filing Receipt issued in connection with the subject U.S. patent application by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants note that the official Filing Receipt incorrectly indicates the inventor's name as MICHAEL JHON NIEMEYER. Applicant's name is MICHAEL JOHN NIEMEYER.

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on



Serial No.:

09/698,301

Docket No.: KCC-15,568

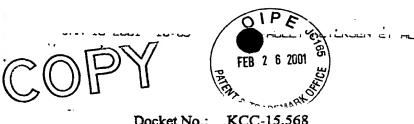
Applicants are enclosing a copy of the Combined Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition and a copy of a return receipt postcard stamped by the mailroom of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants are also enclosing a copy of the official Filing Receipt with the requested correction shown in red thereon.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a Corrected Filing Receipt showing the requested correction be issued by the U.S. Patent and Tracemark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie I. Rauch Regis. No. 40,924

Pauley Petersen Kinne & Fejer 2800 W. Higgins Road Suite 365 Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60195 (847) 490-1400 FAX (847) 490-1403





Docket No.: KCC-15,568

#### COMBINED DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION

We, the inventors,

1. Name: Michael John NIEMEYER

Residence:

Appleton, Wisconsin

Post Office Address:

4125 North Wedgewood Drive

Appleton, Wisconsin 54913

Citizenship:

United States of America

2. Name: Lawrence Howell SAWYER

Residence:

Neenah, Wisconsin

Post Office Address: 117 Ashbrooke

Neenah, Wisconsin 54956

Citizenship:

United States of America



declare that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the attached specification and claims and we verily believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors or discoverers of the invention or discovery in

#### SWIMWEAR WITH BUILT-IN DRAINING MECHANISM

described and claimed in the attached specification; that we do not know and do not believe that this invention was ever known or used in the United States before our invention or discovery thereof; that to the best of our knowledge and belief the invention has not been in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to our application, or patented or made the subject of an inventors' certificate in any foreign country prior to the date of our application on an application filed by ourselves or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to our application in this country; that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a); and that no application for patent or inventors' certificate on this invention or discovery has been filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States, except as follows:

None

1

37

KCC-2047

P160\9

Docket No.:

FEB 2 6 2001

KCC-15,568

847 490 1403 P.07/08

COMBINED DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

We hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith

				-
Michael J. B	endel	Reg. No. 39,605	Douglas L. Miller	Reg. No. 30,406
Patricia A. C	Charlier	Reg. No. 38,840	Thomas M. Parker	Reg. No. 42,062
Thomas J. C	onnelly	Reg. No. 28,404	Sebastian C. Pugliese III	Reg. No. 42,091
Gregory E. (	Croft	Reg. No. 27,542	James B. Robinson	Reg. No. 34,912
Jeffrey B. Ci	urtin	Reg. No. 37,601	Karl V. Sidor	Reg. No. 32,597
Alyssa A. D	udkowski	Reg. No. 40,596	Douglas H. Tulley	Reg. No. 34,743
Jeremiah J. I	Duggan	Reg. No. 24,470	Patrick C. Wilson	Reg. No. 31,893
Steven D. Fl	ack	Reg. No. 40,608	Paul Y. Yee	Reg. No. 29,460
Thomas M.	Gage	Reg. No. 33,385	Thomas W. Speckman	Reg. No. 22,617
Scott B. Gar	rison	Reg. No. 39,198	Douglas H. Pauley	Reg. No. 33,295
Joseph P. Ha	-	Reg. No. 28,854	Maxwell J. Petersen	Reg. No. 32,772
William D. I	<del>Ierri</del> ck	Reg. No. 25,468	Mark E. Fejer	Reg. No. 34,817
Kyle K. Kap	-	Reg. No. 34,864	Charles C. Kinne	Reg. No. 31,631
John P. Kirb	y <b>,</b> Jr.	Reg. No. 25,348	Nick C. Kottis	Reg. No. 31,974
Nancy M. K.		Reg. No. 40,051	Kevin D. Erickson	Reg. No. 38,736
Christos S. K	Cyriakou	Reg. No. 42,776	Roland W. Norris	Reg. No. 32,799
Nicholas N.		Reg. No. 31,776	Melanie I. Rauch	Reg. No. 40,924
William W.		Reg. No. 42,797	Eric T. Krischke	Reg. No. 42,769
Thomas J. M	lielke	Reg. No. 31,399		-

#### SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO:

Melanie I. Rauch
Pauley Petersen Kinne & Fejer
2800 West Higgins Road
Suite 365
Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60195
(847) 490-1400
FAX (847) 490-1403

#### DIRECT TELEPHONE CALLS TO:

Melanie I. Rauch (847) 490-1400 (847) 490-1403 - Fax





JAN-10-2001 10:06

PLEY PETERSEN ET AL

847 490 1403

P.08/08

Docket No.:

KCC-15,568



COMBINED DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION

#### **PETITION**

Wherefore we Pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the attached specification and claims, and we hereby subscribe our names to the attached specification and claims, Declaration, Power of Attorney and this Petition.

#### **DECLARATION**

The undersigned further declare that all statements made herein of their knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

1-11-01

Date

Data

Michael John MEMEYER

Laurence Howell CANVICE

KCC-2047

3

P160\9







Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Please affix the USPTO receipt stamp hereon as evidence of receipt of the following enclosed papers.

Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, in duplicate
Executed combined Oath or Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition (3 pages), attached to a copy of the
application as originally filed in order to obtain a filing date for the referenced application
First Information Disclosure Statement, together with Form PTO-1449, three (3) pages, and with copies of
each and every cited reference
A check in the amount of \$1,110.00 to cover the filing fee and surcharge fee
A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application

All by Certificate of Mailing dated 05 February 2001.

Applicants: Serial No.: Michael John NIEMEYER et al.

09/698,301 27 October 2000

KCC-2047

Filing Date: SWIMWEAR WITH BUILT-IN DRAINING MECHANISM Title:

Melanie I. Ra









### UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENT UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFIC VASHINGTON, D.C. COL

APPLICATION NUMBER FILING DATE GRP ART UNIT FIL FEE REC'D ATTY.DOCKET.NO DRAWINGS TOT CLAIMS 1ND CLAIMS 09/698,301 10/27/2000 3741 0 KCC-15,568 4 35 7 3

Pauley Petersen Kinne & Fejer 2800 W. Higgins Road, Suite 365 Hoffman Estates,, IL 60195 FILING RECEIPT (\*\*)
\*\*OC000000005636395\*

Date Mailed: 12/22/2000

Receipt is acknowledged of this nonprovisional Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Customer Service Center. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the PTO processes the reply to the Notice, the PTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

Applicant(s)

John

Michael John Niemeyer, Appleton, WI; Lawrence Howell Sawyer, Neenah, WI;

Continuing Data as Claimed by Applicant

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted 12/22/2000

Title

Swimwear with built-in draining mechanism

**Preliminary Class** 

002

Data entry by : HAILE, TSEHAI

Team: OIPE

Date: 12/22/2000

ile://C:\APPS\preexam\correspondence\1 A.xml

 $C_{0}$ 





## LICENSE FOR FOREIGN FILING UNDER Title 35, United States Code, Section 184 Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 5.11 & 5.15

# RECEIVED JUN-1 2001 TECHNOLOGY CENTER 37

#### **GRANTED**

The applicant has been granted a license under 35 U.S.C. 184, if the phrase "IF REQUIRED, FOREIGN FILING LICENSE GRANTED" followed by a date appears on this form. Such licenses are issued in all applications where the conditions for issuance of a license have been met, regardless of whether or not a license may be required as set forth in 37 CRF 5.15. The scope and limitations of this license are set forth in 37 CFR 5.15(a) unless an earlier license has been issued under 37 CFR 5.15(b). The license is subject to revocation upon written notification. The date indicated is the effective date of the license, unless an earlier license of similar scope has been granted under 37 CFR 5.13 or 5.14.

This license is to be retained by the licensee and may be used at any time on or after the effective date thereof unless it is revoked. This license is automatically transferred to any related applications(s) filed under 36 CFR 1.53(d). This license is not retroactive.

The grant of a license does not in any way lessen the responsibility of a licensee for the security of the subject matter as imposed by any Government contract or the provisions of existing laws relating to espionage and the national security or the export of technical data. Licensees should apprise themselves of current regulations especially with respect to certain countries, of other agencies, particularly the Office of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State (with respect to Arms, Munitions and Implements of War (22 CFR 121-128)); the Office of Export Administration, Department of Commerce (15 CFR 370.10 (j)); the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of Treasury (31 CFR Parts 500+) and the Department of Energy.

#### **NOT GRANTED**

No license under 35 U.S.C. 184 has been granted at this time, if the phrase "IF REQUIRED, FOREIGN FILING LICENSE GRANTED" DOES NOT appear on this form. Applicant may still petition for a license under 37 CFR 5.12, if a license is desired before the expiration of 6 months from the filing date of the application. If 6 months has lapsed from the filing date of this application and the licensee has not received any indication of a secrecy order under 35 U.S.C. 181, the licensee may foreign file the application pursuant to 37 CFR 5.15 (b).

#### PLEASE NOTE the following information about the Filing Receipt:

- The articles such as "a," "an" and "the" are not included as the first words in the title of an application. They are considered to be unnecessary to the understanding of the title.
- The words "new," "improved," "improvements in" or "relating to" are not included as first words in the title of an application because a patent application, by nature, is a new idea or improvement.
- The title may be truncated if it consists of more than 600 characters (letters and spaces combined).
- The docket number allows a maximum of 25 characters.

PS\preexam\correspondence\1 A.xml

- If your application was submitted under 37 CFR 1.10, your filing date should be the "date in" found on the Express Mail label. If there is a discrepancy, you should submit a request for a corrected Filing Receipt along with a copy of the Express Mail label showing the "date in."
- The title is recorded in sentence case.

Any corrections that may need to be done to your Filing Receipt should be directed to:

 $\mathbb{C} \mathbb{O} \mathbb{P}_{12/22/00}$ 





Assistant Commissioner for Patents Office of Initial Patent Examination Customer Service Center Washington, DC 20231



RECEIVED

JUNA-4 7001

RECHINOLOGY CENTER 3700













UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231
WWW.uspto.gov

Bib Data Sheet

**CONFIRMATION NO. 5826** 

<b>SERIAL NUMBER</b> 09/698,301	FILING DATE 10/27/2000 RULE	C	CLASS 002	GROUP ART U		T UNIT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. KCC-15,568			
APPLICANTS  Michael John Niemeyer, Appleton, WI; Lawrence Howell Sawyer, Neenah, WI;  ** CONTINUING DATA **********************************										
Foreign Priority claimed yes no  35 USC 119 (a-d) conditions yes no no Met after met  Verified and Acknowledged Parameter Signature Initials  STATE OR COUNTRY WI						VING   CLAI		INDEPENDENT CLAIMST VE		
ADDRESS  Melanie I. Rauch  Pauley Petersen Kinne & Fejer  2800 W. Higgins Road, Suite 365  Hoffman Estates, ,IL 60195										
TITLE Swimwear with built-in draining mechanism										
RECEIVED No.	ES: Authority has been given in Paper  to charge/credit DEPOSIT ACCOUNT  for following:			UNT	All Fees  1.16 Fees (Filing)  1.17 Fees (Processing Ext. of time)  1.18 Fees (Issue)  Other  Credit					